

**FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES**  
**FREDERICK SENIOR CENTER**  
**May 14, 2012**

<b>DOA MEMBERS</b>	<b>DOA STAFF</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>
Rae Ann Butler	Kitty Devilbiss	Jim Judd	Hal Ehart	
Dennis Ford	Sue Ramsburg	Debra Savageau		
David Gray, Comm	Pat Rosensteel	Virginia Skelley		
Millard Haines	Kathy Schey	Carolyn True		
Diane Julian		Steve Wilhide		
Carol Krimm, Alderman				
Louise Lynch				
Mary Rice				
Pat Tudor				
Robert Wannemacher				
Dan Yeeles				

- I. **Call to Order – RaeAnn Butler, Chair**, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.
- II. **Welcome & Introductions** – RaeAnn welcomed all attendees.
- III. **Action on the Agenda** – There were some things to be added to the agenda. Bob Wannemacher would like to discuss legislative issues. Louise Lynch will give a report on the *Innovations in Aging* event.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting were approved as written. All were in favor.
- V. **Commissioner's Report** – Commissioner Gray stated that he is looking forward to the Senior Forum. He anticipates that all other commissioners will attend. In regards to the budget, Commissioner Smith has a list of changes to recommend which Commissioner Gray will support. These changes include additional funding to the local non-profit agencies and to Frederick Community College. There is still a plan to distribute a \$100.00 rebate to property owners. There was a suggestion to mail the rebate with the tax bill to reduce cost of postage.

**Alderman's Report** – Alderman Krimm stated there continues to be discussions on the city budget. Funding for the Frederick Community Action Agency is part of the city budget. This agency does a lot to help local seniors. This agency is not limited to city residents.

The State Legislation is back in for a three day special session. There may be increased taxes on citizens who make \$100,000 per year or couples who make \$150,000. There were a lot of emails from citizens and/or agencies who were affected by the original budget in way of funding cuts. There will be a three-four year phase in of the pension payment shift to county governments.

- VI. **BoCC Forum, RaeAnn Butler** – The BoCC Senior Forum is next Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. A draft of three questions to be presented to the BoCC was distributed at today's meeting for discussion. Please let the Forum Committee know if you have any questions or comments. Their next meeting is on May 15 at 11:00. The three questions will be sent to the BoCC after tomorrow's meeting to allow the Commissioners time to prepare their responses. The questions and BoCC answers should take up the first hour of the forum. The remaining time will allow for public comment or questions. There was some discussion on the importance of the question pertaining to the utilization of Senior Center buildings. There are legal constraints on the use of county buildings which discourages community groups from using the building. Fees collected from outside use of the building would be an opportunity to generate income for the department.

**Planning Study Update, Pat Rosensteel** – The Planning Study Committee will present to the BoCC on May 24th. This will be a report on what has been accomplished and the scope of the project. Commission members are encouraged to attend. Commissioner Gray will request this meeting be changed to a work session so that public comment will be allowed. Administration meetings do not typically allow for this. There may be the need for a work session strictly between the CoA and the BoCC to emphasize the need for senior needs assessment.

**Activities of MAP to date, Kathy Schey** - The MAP program is a group of government entities working together to establish an ADRC (Aging Disability and Resource Center). The local MAP staff are working on creating a brochure. Kathy presented a draft brochure. The brochure highlights the partnership between the DoA and the Freedom Center. The hope is to have the brochures available for distribution at the Convoy of Hope. Some of the features on the brochure are mandated and not able to be changed. Kathy will contact the state to see if any of color variations are possible.

There has been a second meeting of the MAP internal advisory board. The MoU with the Freedom Center has been signed while other MoUs are being formalized. A staff person from the Freedom Center will be located at the DoA soon. The common goal between these agencies is to keep citizens in their homes and invested in their communities. There are many people who need the limited resources. Once marketing has been initiated requests for information and assistance is expected to increase. If you have any questions about MAP, contact Kathy via phone or email.

**Convoy of Hope reminder, Kathy Schey** – It has been established that volunteers will use the Monroe Avenue gate and they will then be directed to the closet parking area. Kathy distributed volunteer information. The community services representation has increased by fifty percent. It will be an even bigger event than last year.

- VII. Discussing summer meeting schedule, RaeAnn Butler** – After a brief discussion, it was decided that there will be no Commission meeting in July this year.

**Innovations in Aging event, Louise Lynch** – This conference was not well planned. There was advocacy training Friday morning which was presented by Susan Finn and Kim Burton. There was a meeting for statewide county CoAs Friday afternoon. There was discussion on major issues such as lack of funding and transportation. Transportation is especially lacking in the rural areas. The Western region commissions will try to do recurring regional meetings with chairpersons of each commission. There will be state-wide CoA meetings once or twice a year. One of the keynote speakers did confirm

that at the federal levels the aging and disability services will be merged. It is predicted that within five years there will be no separate agencies.

**Legislative update, Bob Wannemacher** – Bob stated that AARP is hoping to have a candidate forum at FCC in October, 2012. It may include candidates from the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> district. There are no specific details at this point. Bob put forth a motion that this CoA will agree to sponsor this event. There will be no expenses incurred for this event. Dan Yeeles seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**VIII. TSAC, Alderman Krimm** – Alderman Krimm attended a recent strategic planning session. They are very aware of the senior population and their need for services. Alderman Krimm's suggestion was that they raise their profile to get the BoCC's attention. The county contributes funding for the services, but there are matching funds from the federal and state level. There is a proposal to change services.

**PiC, Diane Julian** – The Board met this morning. They are still working on their 100/100/100 campaign. They have progressed financially the past two years and hope to be completely out of "the red" this year. They are still in need of funding and volunteers.

**Nominating, Diane Julian/Jim Judd** – There is nothing new to report. Diane has still been unable to contact the minority candidate to set up an interview. Diane has not been able to contact Hal. Diane will contact Joyce Grossnickle to implement advertising for the vacant position.

**Affordable Housing Council, Dennis Ford** – No report. Dennis left this meeting to attend the Affordable Housing Council meeting.

**USM, Ginny Skelley** – Ginny was not present at today's meeting. She did send RaeAnn the most recent USM update. There was a meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. They are currently in need of candidates to fill some officer positions. USM supported seventeen bills during the recent legislative session. Alderman Krimm suggested a yearly review of legislative bills that are passed to see if any effect seniors and services provided to them. USM members do get a recap of bills which were supported by USM.

**Adult Public Disabled Review Board, RaeAnn Butler** – This board does not meet again until June.

**Citizens Care and Rehab/Montevue, Millard Haines** – There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The move-in date will be July 10<sup>th</sup>. A grand opening will be held sometime in August. Volunteers will be working to help residents move from the old facility to the new ones. Volunteer training will be

held on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am and June 6<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-9pm. Millard will check about a tour for the CoA and report back.

**Friends of MoW, Louise Lynch**– This group is continuing to expand their board and have recently gotten two new members. Some members have expressed an interest to include other senior needs in the community as part of their organization's scope. The group is eager to start a new fundraising event.

**Director, Carolyn True** – Carolyn was not present at today's meeting. Kitty Devilbiss distributed the monthly report. Please contact Carolyn if you have any questions.

A grant application has been submitted to the Wal-Mart Foundation/MoW of America which would help with transportation needs for MoW delivery in the Middletown area which is currently not being served. The application was submitted on May 4<sup>th</sup> and should have a reply by the end of May.

**IX. Announcements, All** – Nothing to report.

**X. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Ramsburg  
Recording Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

No July meeting

July 31, 2012, Commission on Aging Executive Committee meeting, 1:00 at the Frederick Dept of Aging

August 13, 2012, Commission on Aging, 1:00 at the Frederick Senior Center, Frederick, MD 21702